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SUBJECT:POLICY OBJECTIVES FOR THE NETHERLANDS 1975

1. FOLLOWING INTERAGENCY DISCUSSION AND REVIEW, BASED
PRIMARILY ON EMBASSY'S EXCELLENT ANNUAL POLICY ASSESSMENT,
THE FOLLOWING OUTLINE OF US INTERESTS AND OBJECTIVES IN
THE NETHERLANDS HAS BEEN AGREED UPON. FOLLOWING TEXT
SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS CURRENT POLICY GUIDANCE.

2. BEGIN TEXT. US INTERESTS AND POLICY OBJECTIVES FOR
THE NETHERLANDS 1975.

US INTERESTS

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A. POLITICAL: MAINTENANCE OF ALLIED COHESION AND PRO-

MOTION OF US POLICIES IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND
THIRD COUNTRIES.

B. ECONOMIC: FURTHERANCE OF US INTERESTS IN TRADE,
INVESTMENT, TRANSPORTATION, AND ENERGY.

C. DEFENSE: MAINTENANCE OF STRONG ALLIED DEFENSE
EFFORT.

D. NARCOTICS: STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL
NARCOTICS CONTROL.

E. CULTURE AND INFORMATION: PROMOTION OF GREATER
AWARENESS OF THE US AND ITS POLICIES AND OF MUTUAL
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN COUNTRIES.

OBJECTIVES

A. POLITICAL: ENCOURAGE DUTCH SUPPORT FOR ATLANTIC
ALLIANCE AND FOR US POLICIES IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZA-
TIONS AND THIRD COUNTRIES.

--KEEP DUTCH INFORMED OF OUR POLICIES AND OF OUR MAJOR
DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES.

--CONSULT WITH DUTCH ON OUR VIEWS OF NATO AND ITS FUTURE.

--CONVINCE DUTCH THAT THEY CAN PLAY USEFUL ROLE IN SHOW-
ING THIRD WORLD THAT CONFRONTATIONAL TACTICS IN INTER-
NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE ULTIMATELY FUTILE.

--ENCOURAGE DUTCH SUPPORT FOR WESTERN EUROPEAN UNITY IN
THE CONTEXT OF A STRENGTHENED ALLIANCE.

B. ECONOMIC: PROMOTE RESOLUTION OF THE CIVIL AVIATION
ISSUE, SUPPORT OF OUR ENERGY POLICY, AND COMMERCIAL
INTERESTS IN THE NETHERLANDS.

--SEEK AN ACCOMMODATION WITH THE DUTCH ON THE KLM
QUESTION WHICH WILL MEET OUR OBJECTIVES WITH AS LITTLE
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DAMAGE AS POSSIBLE TO OUR RELATIONS WITH THE GON AND
OUR STANDING IN THE EYES OF THE DUTCH PUBLIC.

--ENLIST DUTCH SUPPORT ON ENERGY MATTERS ESPECIALLY IN
THE IEA.

--ENCOURAGE EXPORTS OF US GOODS AND SERVICES TO THE
NETHERLANDS THROUGH COUNTRY COMMERCIAL PROGRAM.

--FACILITATE DUTCH INVESTMENT IN THE US BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, SUPPORTING STATE GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES.

--ENCOURAGE DUTCH TOURIST TRAVEL TO THE US THROUGH THE ACTIVITIES OF THE VISIT AMERICA FOUNDATION.

--MAINTAIN AN ACCOMMODATING CLIMATE FOR US-OWNED FIRMS IN THE NETHERLANDS BY WORKING WITH AMERICAN FIRMS, DUTCH

GOVERNMENT, AND LABOR UNIONS TO FORESTALL ANY PROBLEMS.

--ENCOURAGE DUTCH SUPPORT FOR COOPERATION BY THE EC ON TRADE POLICY ISSUES ESPECIALLY IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

C. DEFENSE: ENCOURAGE A STRONG DEFENSE COMMITMENT ON THE PART OF THE DUTCH AND RATIONALIZATION AND STANDARDIZATION OF THE NATO DEFENSE EFFORT.

--ENCOURAGE THE DUTCH NOT TO CARRY OUT PLANNED CUTS IN GROUND FORCES OR REDUCE NAVAL AND AIR FORCES FURTHER.

--ENCOURAGE DUTCH PURCHASE OF US MILITARY EQUIPMENT BOTH TO FOSTER STANDARDIZATION AND TO INCREASE EXPORTS.

--SEEK TO PURCHASE DUTCH MILITARY EQUIPMENT WHERE THE PRICE IS COMPETITIVE AND THE EQUIPMENT MEETS OUR MILITARY REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE STANDARDIZATION.

D. DRUG ABUSE: SEEK TO CURB THE ILLICIT FLOW OF NARCOTICS THROUGH THE NETHERLANDS TO US FORCES IN GERMANY AND TO THE US ITSELF.

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--PROMOTE GREATER DUTCH GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AWARENESS OF DRUG PROBLEM.

--FACILITATE THE TRAINING IN THE US OF DUTCH CUSTOMS AND POLICE OFFICIALS WHO DEAL WITH DRUG PROBLEMS.

E. CULTURE AND INFORMATION: PROMOTE BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF US POLICIES AND WAY OF LIFE AMONG DUTCH LEADERS AND GENERAL PUBLIC AS WELL AS INCREASED CONTACTS BETWEEN INFLUENTIAL MEMBERS OF BOTH SOCIETIES.

--MAINTAIN QUALITY OF INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAM GRANTEES.

--ENCOURAGE OTHER EXCHANGES INCLUDING FULBRIGHT PROGRAM.

--PROMOTE AWARENESS OF US POLICIES THROUGH ACTIVE PRESS
AND INFORMATION PROGRAM IN THE NETHERLANDS. END TEXT

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